The Daily Courant.

Saturday, May 11. 1706.

From the Paris Gazette, dated May 15.

Madrid, April 30.

A Gentleman ſent by the Conde de las Torres, has brought the News of the taking of Alcira, a Place ſituate in an Iſland of the River Xucar, and is in a Manner the Key of the Kingdom of Valencia. For that Reaſon the Rebels who had fortified themſelves in it, made a pretty vigorous Reſiſtance. But ſeeing the Artillery beat down the Works they had made in haſte, and that they might run the Hazard of being carried by Aſſault, they offer'd to capitulate, which the Conde de las Torres granted. Purſuant to the Capitulation 500 Miquelets, the Engliſh, and Dutch march'd out, leaving behind them all the Artillery and Ammunitions, obliging themſelves beſides not to bear Arms againſt the King during a certain limited Time. The Inhabitants were treated with more Gentleneſs than they could have hoped. A ſecond Courier has brought an Account, that the Town of Xativa has ſubmitted without making any Reſiſtance, Baſet having been oblig'd to abandon it, deſpairing to be able to defend it, becauſe the Inhabitants watch'd an Occaſion to return to their Obedience to his Majeſty. Thus a pretty large Extent of Country of which the Rebels were poſſeſs'd, and which yielded them ſeveral Neceſſaries, is reduc'd; and we have Intelligence ſince, that the Conde de las Torres has made himſelf Maſter of 3 other conſiderable Places, particularly of Collera, in which were 14 Cannon. Since the taking of Alcantara, the Portugueſe making Advantage of the Abſence of the Troops that are gone to Catalonia, are advanc'd towards Coria. In the mean time, waiting till the Reinforcement of Foot that is to march to joyn the Duke of Berwick arrive, the Queen having ſent for the Grandees repreſented to them, that in Intereſt they were concern'd to exert their beſt Efforts, to ſecure by extraordinary Succours the Provinces threaten'd by the Enemy, the rather becauſe it was ſufficiently apparent they deſign'd nothing but plundering and making Excurſions, while the principal Forces before whom they durſt not ſhew their Heads were employ'd elſewhere. To this Declaration of the Queen's they anſwer'd with all poſſible Expreſſions of Zeal and Loyalty; promiſing to do all they could with their Eſtates and Perſons to oppoſe the Progreſs of the Enemy. An Order has ſince been publiſh'd, requiring the Knights of the 3 military Orders that are in this City, to appear perſonally within 4 Days, and thoſe that are within 30 Leagues of this Place within 8 Days, at the Duke of Veraguas's Houſe. Such of them as are able to bear Arms, are commanded to come prepar'd to ſerve where it ſhall be judg'd convenient, purſuant to the Statutes of their Orders, on the Penalty of 500 Crowns Fine. The Council call'd de Meſta which has the Direction of the Wooll Trade, met the 20th of this Month, and voted towards the Expence of the War an Extraordinary Free Gift by way of Tax of 2 per Cent on all Wooll ſold this Year at firſt Hand. That Gift amounts to above 60000 Crowns, and is the more conſiderable, becauſe the War has much diminiſh'd that Trade, and becauſe thoſe that compoſe that Council offer'd this Subſidy without being ſollicited. We have an Account by a Courier that arriv'd to Day, that 2 ſmall Squadrons of the Enemy's Men of War had appear'd, that the contrary Winds had ſtop'd them, and that they were ſtill at Gibraltar the 22d Inſtant.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated May 18.

Paris, May 14. Private Letters from Madrid inform us, that all the Grandees made great Preparations to take the Field againſt the Portugueſe; that it was likely the Queen would put her ſelf at the Head of the Army; and that all the Nobility of Caſtile, the Knights of the 3 military Orders, and generally all the Burghers of Madrid able to bear Arms would accompany her Majeſty. The Conde de las Torres is on the march from Valencia with ſome Squadrons and 4 Battallions of Spaniſh and Flemiſh Guards, to reinforce the D. of Berwick's Army. We have no Advices from Barcelona ſince the 2d Inſtant, which ſaid the Beſiegers had been oblig'd to remove ſome Batteries and place them nearer to the City, that the Trenches were advanc'd near to the Counterſcarp, and that 'twas preſum'd his Catholick Majeſty would be Maſter of the Place by the 9th or 10th Inſtant. The Earl of Peterborow had attempted ſeveral Times to throw Succours into the Place, but had not been able to execute his Deſign. There was no news of the Enemy's Fleet.

From the Harlem Courant, dated May 18.

Amſterdam, May 17. They write from Genoa the 1ſt Inſtant, that a Bark was arriv'd there from Porto Mahon, which on the 28th of April ſaw the Confederate Fleet off Ivica. We have an Account from Bruſſels that the Siege of Barcelona was rais'd the 3d or 4th of this Month.

Hague, May 18. Some Letters from France of the 14th Inſtant ſay the Count de Toulouſe was gone off to Sea from Barcelona, to meet Sir John Leake: But other Advices from good Hands ſay, that the King of France having written a Letter to the ſaid Count, directed it to Toulon. Thoſe Advices tell us the Siege of Turin is put off, and that 22 Battallions are order'd from Piemont to Catalonia. A Courier arriv'd at Marli before the laſt Letters came away, but the News that Courier brought was not divulg'd. 'Tis believ'd here, that the Duke of Marlborough will open the Campaign with attempting to paſs the Dyle.

From the Paris Gazette, dated May 15.

From the Camp at Lauterbourg, May 6. The Marſhal de Villars having the 1ſt of this Month poſſeſs'd himſelf of the Paſſages of the Motern, and of the Camp of Ingweiler, gave Order to the Marquis de Vieuxpont to attack Druſenheim, and the Marquis de Pery to beſiege Haguenau. Then he reſolv'd to march with Speed towards the Camp at Lauterbourg, to make Advantage of the Conſternation of the Enemy, and not give them time to poſt Troops there. He ſet forward the 3d at Day-break, with the Horſe that were fitteſt to make ſo quick a march, and order'd ſome Battallions to follow him. He took his Way by Benheim and Seltz, where he found great Magazines of Hay and Oats, and the Roads full of Waggons loaded with Proviſions for the Enemy's Troops that were ſuddenly expected there. He caus'd 400 Dragoons and 100 Huſſars commanded by the Count de Broglio to advance before, which they did upon a large Trot, and arriv'd

riv'd at Lauterbourg at the very time that 3000 Men which the Prince of Baden had ſent thither appear'd on the other ſide of the Rhine. So the Marſhal de Villars, who came up ſoon after, poſſeſs'd himſelf of that important Poſt without any Oppoſition. He was inform'd the Enemy had an Intrenchment at Bergen on the Bank of the Rhine, and that 300 Men were poſted in it to guard the Head of a Bridge which they had there laſt Year, and which they have carried up to Statmatt. The 4th in the Morning he went to take a View of it with 100 Dragoons and 3 Squadrons, and obſerving thoſe that guarded it were in ſome Conſternation, he caus'd the Dragoons and one Squadron to alight and attack them. The Enemy tho' ſupported by a Battery plac'd on the other ſide of the Rhine, thought only of retiring. The Officers ſav'd themſelves in a Boat, and the Soldiers leap'd into others with ſo much Precipitation, that moſt of them were drown'd. Thence the Marſhal de Villars went to take a View of Fort Louis, the Blockade of which he had rais'd. The ſame Day he ſent Order to the Count de Bourg to attack another Intrenchment that was palliſaded, which the Enemy had at the Head of their Bridge at Statmatt, which Bridge they broke after they had retir'd over it the 1ſt Inſtant: The ſaid Intrenchment was guarded by 3 or 400 Soldiers. Yeſterday Morning the Count march'd thither, and after he had caus'd ſome Cannon-ſhot to be fir'd to break the Paliſadoes, the Grenadiers led by the Marquis de Nangis entred the Intrenchments Sword in Hand, kill'd part of thoſe that defended it, took 2 Captains, ſeveral Subaltern Officers, and 90 Soldiers. The reſt running in Confuſion into a large Boat, overſet it and were all drown'd. The ſame Day the Marſhal de Villars, having poſted the Head of the Army in the Camp, went to view the Attacks of Druſenheim and Haguenau, and return'd hither, having in one Day travell'd above 25 Leagues. An Inhabitant of Haguenau that is come out reports, that there are in it 2500 Men, with all neceſſary Preparations for a conſiderable Siege. Theſe many advantagious Succeſſes, gain'd in 4 or 5 Days, without any Loſs, render the King Maſter of the left Side of the Rhine from Hanninghen down to Philipsbourg. Juſt now we have Advice that Druſenheim is taken.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated *May* 18.

Stohlhoffen, *May* 10. The French batter Hagnenau very furiouſly, but the Governour has ſent out a Perſon who is arriv'd at Raſtad, and reports the Place can hold out to the 15th or 16th Inſtant, in which Time he hopes to be reliev'd. The Enemy are ſtrengthening Lauterbourg, whence we conclude they have no Deſign upon Landau.

From the Camp at Tongres, *May* 17. 'We are expecting the Engliſh Troops which will joyn us on 'Wedneſday or Thurſday, and then we ſhall advance towards Tirlemont. The Enemy have taken 'the ſame Camp they had laſt Year on the other 'ſide the Dyle near Louvain, having drain'd all 'their Garriſons. My Lord Duke is gone this Morning with Monſieur d'Auverquerque to viſit the Citadel of Liege, and the new Works that are made 'about that Place, they will return in the Evening. 'According to the Advices we have from Luxembourg and other parts, the Marſhal de Marſin is 'haſtning back with his Detachment from Germany.

THeſe are to acquaint all Perſons that have occaſion to Drink Hamſtead Mineral-Water, that the ſaid Wells will be open'd on Whitſon-Monday, with extraordinary Muſick for Dancing, and continues every Monday during the Seaſon of Water-Drinking, and there is all fitting accommodation for Water-Drinkers of both Sexes, and a farther accommodation of very good Stables, with Stables for fine Horſes and good Coach-houſes.

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